

KZ224: Impendle Municipality



In Impendle, the World Heritage Site of the Drakensberg-Ukhahlamba Mountain Park accentuates the immense potential in the area for tourism, community based craft endeavours and micro enterprises. An abundance of water allows for a mixed agricultural economy, while the cold winters in the region indicate opportunities for a deciduous fruit industry. Impendle is essentially a rural municipality where much still needs to be done in providing basic services in the form of potable water, sanitation, electricity and roads. Although progress has been made in these areas of service delivery the local inhabitants pointed out during the Oversight Process that the water taps are few and far between and that the chemical content of the drinking water is too high. They also need more houses, schools and community halls.



A view of the Ukhahlamba Transfrontier Park, which is a World Heritage Site. During Winter these mountains are often covered in snow – a great tourist attraction



View from the popular Loteni Nature Reserve camp site, which is one of two declared nature reserves that are managed by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife

KZ225: Msunduzi Municipality



Msunduzi Municipality is the capital and second largest city in KwaZulu-Natal. It is a regionally important industrial hub, producing aluminium, timber and dairy products. Many well known schools and tertiary education institutions are located in and around Msunduzi, including a campus of the University of KwaZulu-Natal. It is home to a population of some 600 000 people.

Msunduzi has a rich history. The city was founded in 1838 by the Voortrekkers. It was the capital of the Boer Republic of Natalia before being taken over by the British in 1843. The city became a major voice in the struggle against apartheid and the local university was the first in the country to provide education for black students. It was also in this city that Mahatma Gandhi made the momentous decision to stay in South Africa and fight the racial discrimination against Indians. Out of that struggle emerged his unique version of nonviolent resistance, Satyagraha.

The City of Choice is the host of the following events:

Comrades Marathon – the greatest ultra marathon in the world
Dusi Canoe Marathon that is an international event
Midmar Mile, the biggest freshwater swimming event in the world
Amashova road cycling classic between Pietermaritzburg and Durban
World Downhill Mountain Biking Championships
World BMX Racing World Championships



The City Hall, which is the largest red brick building in the Southern Hemisphere



The KwaZulu-Natal Legislature

KZ226: Mkhambathini Municipality



Mkhambathini Municipality has its offices in the town of Camperdown. It has several comparative advantages. It is well located in relation to Durban and Pietermaritzburg and adjoins Cato Ridge, a potential industrial node. The N3, which is identified in the Spatial Growth and Development Strategy as a Provincial Corridor, runs east west through the central part of the municipal area. Significant portions of the municipality fall within the Valley of a Thousand Hills (with Table Mountain a major landmark), an area with high potential for eco-tourism, and in the Midlands Mist Belt, which has a well established agricultural economy.

Mkhambathini features the second highest concentration of poultry producers in the world, supported by a network of service suppliers, as well as pig and beef farming. Agricultural production includes vegetables, maize and sugar. Tourist attractions in the area include the Mkhambathini Table Mountain, Valley of a Thousand Hills, game reserves, the Nagle Dam, cultural activities, Duzi canoeing, flying micro lights and strawberry picking.



A large proportion of the Mkhambathini population live in rural communities such as this scene in the Table Mountain area



Every January the Duzi / Umgeni River becomes a hive of activity involving hundreds of paddlers and community members in the Dusi Canoe Marathon

KZ227: Richmond Municipality



The Richmond Municipality is situated in one of the most beautiful parts of the country and is predominantly rural. It is in these rural areas where the majority of its population resides. The main challenges faced by the Richmond Municipality relate to economic infrastructure, socio-economic, spatial and housing issues as well as issues relative to socio facilities and services and sustainable infrastructure.

The Municipality is well situated on major routes to the key development nodes of Durban and Pietermaritzburg, has a high agricultural potential, and already has a number of manufacturing and production facilities in Richmond, some of these catering for the export market. At present, agricultural activity contributes more than 50% in terms of gross geographic product and employment to Richmond's economy. However, other opportunities in the tourism, manufacturing, commercial sectors have yet to be developed. The main agricultural activities are the cultivation of timber, sugar-cane, tea, citrus, peaches, maize and market vegetables, dairy, poultry, pig and cattle and game farming.



The forestry industry is well established and Richmond has the potential of being the bread basket of the Province

Demographics

The area, wards, households and population density of the District

District and local municipalities	Area	Wards	No of households	Population (Census 2001)	Population (Community Survey 2007)
uMgungundlovu DC22	9 189.53	81		927 846	988 837
uMshwathi KZ221	1 924.55	11	23 732	108 422	113 054
uMngeni KZ222	1 568.30	11	20 849	73 896	84 781
Mpofana KZ223	1 679.37	4	9599	36 820	31 518
Impendle KZ224	947.90	4	7335	33 569	39 401
Msunduzi KZ225	649.79	37	130 385	552 837	616 730
Mkhambathini KZ226	766.00	7	12 550	59 067	46 570
Richmond KZ227	1 133.62	7	12 537	63 223	56 772
KZDMA226	276.23			12	12



CHAPTER 02

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

2010 Football World Cup



Team Manager: Mayor YS Bhamjee getting the show on the road.



A street carnival held as a means of involving ordinary people in the 2010 Football World Cup – promoting the District and creating a culture of sportsmanship



Mayor Y S Bhamjee flanked by officials from Team Paraguay

Strategic Partnership objectives with Team Paraguay	Achieved	Not Achieved
FIFA practice game at Harry Gwala Stadium	✓	
Team Paraguay under 20's play Maritzburg Invitation IX	✓	
Paraguay Media IX to play KZN Politicians	✓	
Community outreach day at Michaelhouse / Lions River	✓	
Premier's Welcome Dinner at Woodridge Country Hotel	✓	

Water Quality Management

uMgungundlovu District Municipality is both Water Service Authority and Water Service Provider which operates and provides potable water to the communities in Impendle, uMngeni, Richmond, Mkhambathini, Mpofana and uMshwathi Municipalities. To ensure that potable water supplied to consumers is safe for consumption water samples are analysed in accredited laboratories and quick interventions are introduced should the need arise. The following standards apply to drinking water:

Excellent water quality : $\geq 99\%$ compliance with microbiological requirements, $\geq 95\%$ compliance with Class I chemical requirements and $\geq 97\%$ compliance with class II Chemical requirements.

Good water quality : 98% compliance with microbiological requirements, $\geq 90\%$ compliance with Class I chemical requirements and $\geq 95\%$ compliance with class II Chemical requirements.

Fair water quality : $\geq 97\%$ compliance with microbiological requirements, $\geq 85\%$ compliance with Class I chemical requirements and $\geq 90\%$ compliance with class II Chemical requirements.

Poor water quality : $< 97\%$ compliance with microbiological requirements, $< 85\%$ compliance with Class I chemical requirements and $< 90\%$ compliance with class II Chemical requirements.

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Municipality	Chemical	Microbiological
uMshwathi	75%	79%
Impendle	81%	58%
Richmond	96%	75%
Mpofana	83%	100%
uMngeni	96%	86%
Mkhambathini	100%	Nil



To improve the quality still further the District Municipality is going to clean all reservoirs to reduce the turbidity of the water and install chlorine dosing pumps to ensure disinfection.

During 2009 the Blue Drop Status of uMgungundlovu was a dismal 21%, which placed the District in tenth place out of KwaZulu-Natal's ten districts. During 2010 the District scored 64.7%, which places it in a credible third place. The target for 2011 is to score at least 80%.



Strategic Partnerships

In striving towards the realisation of its Vision the uMgungundlovu District Municipality has forged a number of strategic partnerships that assist the District Municipality to achieve its strategic goals as indicated below:

Strategic Goals	Strategic Partners
Supplying bulk water	Umgeni Water
Financing water schemes	Umgeni Water Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
Water quality monitoring	Umgeni Water Department of Water Affairs Duzi-uMgeni Conservation Trust (DUCT)
Supplementing skills	DBSA LG SETA uMgungundlovu FET College
Deepening democracy	Built Environment Support Group (BESG)
Optimising vehicle fleet utilisation	gFleet Management
Issuing credible water bills	PASTEL evolution



Public Participation

The communities of the uMgungundlovu District participate in municipal affairs in the following manner:

The Municipal Manager and key staff hold at least one engagement meeting with community members, ratepayers' associations and other interest groups per week

Three Oversight Public Engagement meetings were held during March 2010 where Ward Committee members were consulted about their development needs

Three IDP and Budget Imbizos were held during April 2010 where community members were further consulted

District wide public participation meetings took place in all of the District's Local Municipalities during the IDP review process. A total of 48 such meetings took place where comprehensive lists of development needs were compiled



uMshwathi Ward Committee members being consulted during the Oversight Process



The Oversight Committee at work at Impendle Municipality

Intergovernmental Relations

During the reporting period the French Ambassador to South Africa, Mr Jacques Lapouge, officially launched the Deepening of Democracy project in partnership with a local non-governmental organisation, the Built Environment Support Group (BESG) and the uMgungundlovu District Municipality. The project aims to forge partnerships between government and civil society with a focus on marginalised sectors of society. To kick-start the project, the French Embassy civil society development fund donated over R2 million to BESG. The funds will be used to empower poor communities within the District on matters of local governance.

In August 2009 a financing agreement between the German Development Bank and the uMgungundlovu District Municipality was signed whereby the District received a grant of R4 million to undertake a feasibility study into Advanced Integrated Solid Waste Management Systems. These funds were provided in terms of a bilateral agreement between the governments of Germany and South Africa for a programme aimed at improving waste management through recycling and treatment of organic waste. uMgungundlovu is the first District Municipality in South Africa to be selected to participate in this programme



From left to right: Bernard Shenk and Harald Gerding of the German Development Bank, District Municipal Manager Sbu Khuzwayo, District Mayor Yusuf Bhamjee, Councillor Bheki Mtolo, and officials Mondli Chiliza, Bheki Mbambo and Riaz Jogiat

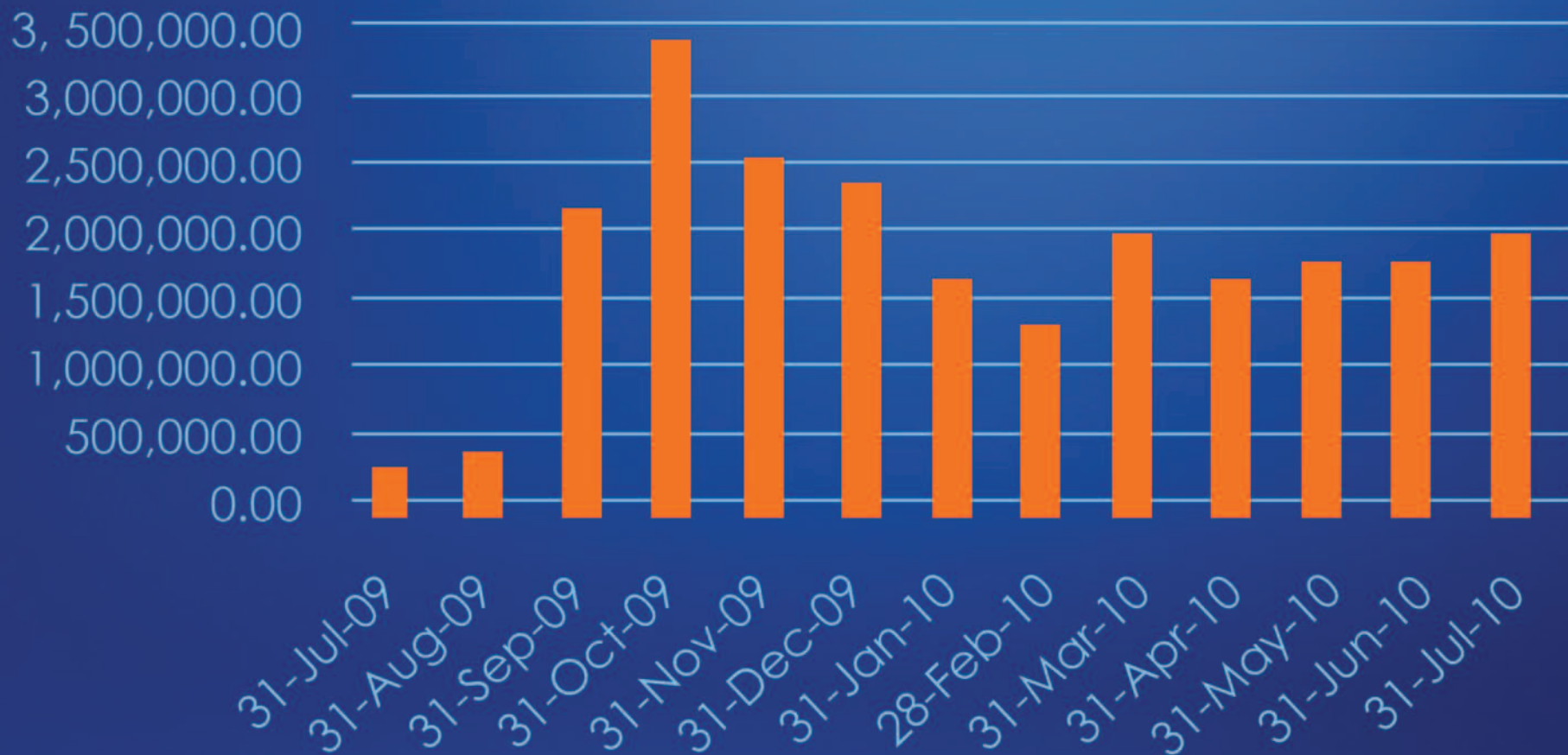


From left to right: Cameron Brisbane of BESG, District Mayor Yusuf Bhamjee, French Ambassador Jacques Lapouge, Mkhambathini Mayor Thobekile Maphumulo, uMngeni Mayor Edward Dladla and District Municipal Manager Sbu Khuzwayo

Financial Viability

In the 2007 / 2008 Annual Report it was reported that; "The statement of financial performance indicates that the Municipality incurred a deficit of R20.6 million and the financial position indicates an accumulated deficit of R6.4 million." It was further stated that the Municipality has put plans in place to address the situation and that one of the most important initiatives was the billing of water consumers.

For the 2009 / 2010 financial year the monthly collections were as follows:



Through judicious financial management the District Municipality was able to budget for a cash surplus of R4 814 944 for the 2010 / 2011 financial year.

A total of R24 799 845 was collected from the sale of water to consumers during the year under review. It is anticipated that this amount will be significantly increased through:

Collecting from outstanding debtors consisting of government institutions and businesses and broadening the revenue base through education of water consumers and improved payment rates

Auditor-General opinion	2007 / 08	2008 / 09	2009 / 10
Unqualified	✓	✓	✓
Qualified			
No opinion			
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Kwanaloga Games

The uMgungundlovu District Municipality was the proud and successful host of the 2009 Kwanaloga Games. The first Games were held in 1998 and over time they have evolved and developed as a brand. The Games aspire to promote sound inter-district relationships and social cohesion between districts by using sport as a vehicle to forge sustainable partnerships and further strengthen existing relationships. The games have in the past assisted in identifying and nurturing sporting talents and they seek to promote tolerance and unity amongst communities irrespective of cultural or political background.

The sporting codes that were catered for include athletics, cross country, boxing, basketball, cricket, dance, football, golf, indigenous games, netball, rugby, swimming, table tennis and volley ball. Both men and women participated in these sporting codes. The Games afforded the District Municipality the opportunity to showcase its physical infrastructure as well as its tourism products. The Games also contributed towards facility upgrades and demonstrated the staff's ability to organise and host major events.

